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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/088,773	06/24/2002	Ralf-Uwe Bauer	4197-113	2300

TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR CONTINUALLY PRODUCING AN EXTRUSION SOLUTION

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Frankfurt Germany

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## PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re United States Patent Application of:

Applicants: Bauer, et al.

Application No.: 10/088,773

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Title: METHOD AND DEVICE  
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PRODUCING AN  
EXTRUSION SOLUTION

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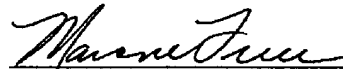
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The size of the applicant's assignee, Zimmer AG, constitutes a large entity under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.9.

Accordingly, a large entity status obtains for the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is requested to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-3284 of Intellectual Property/Technology Law.

Respectfully submitted,



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